#### BEFORE THE ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

In the Matter of

JOHN C. MORGAN, M.D.

Holder of License No. **25871**For the Practice of Allopathic Medicine In the State of Arizona.

Case No. MD-06-0259A

INTERIM CONSENT AGREEMENT FOR PRACTICE RESTRICTION AND RESIDENTIAL INPATIENT TREATMENT

#### INTERIM CONSENT AGREEMENT

By mutual agreement and understanding, between the Arizona Medical Board ("Board") and John C. Morgan, M.D., ("Respondent") the parties agree to the following disposition of this matter.

- 1. Respondent has read and understands this Interim Consent Agreement and the stipulated Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order ("Interim Consent Agreement"). Respondent acknowledges that he understands he has the right to consult with legal counsel regarding this matter.
- 2. By entering into this Interim Consent Agreement, Respondent voluntarily relinquishes any rights to a hearing or judicial review in state or federal court on the matters alleged, or to challenge this Interim Consent Agreement in its entirety as issued by the Board, and waives any other cause of action related thereto or arising from said Interim Consent Agreement.
- 3. This Interim Consent Agreement will not become effective until signed by the Executive Director.
- 4. All admissions made by Respondent are solely for interim disposition of this matter and any subsequent related administrative proceedings or civil litigation involving the Board and Respondent. Therefore, said admissions by Respondent are not intended or made for any other use, such as in the context of another state or federal government regulatory agency

proceeding, civil or criminal court proceeding, in the State of Arizona or any other state or federal court.

- 5. Respondent may not make any modifications to the document. Upon signing this agreement, and returning this document (or a copy thereof) to the Executive Director, Respondent may not revoke acceptance of the Interim Consent Agreement. Any modifications to this Interim Consent Agreement are ineffective and void unless mutually approved by the parties.
- 6. This Interim Consent Agreement, once approved and signed, is a public record that will be publicly disseminated as a formal action of the Board and will be reported to the National Practitioner Databank and on the Board's website.
- 7. If any part of the Interim Consent Agreement is later declared void or otherwise unenforceable, the remainder of the Interim Consent Agreement in its entirety shall remain in force and effect.

JOHN C. MORGAN/M.D.

Dated: 5/3/06

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# FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The Board is the duly constituted authority for the regulation and control of the practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.
- 2. Respondent is the holder of License No. 25871 for the practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.
- 3. On March 31, 2006 the Arizona Medical Board ("Board") received a complaint involving Respondent. On April 3, 2006 Respondent was interviewed by Kelly Sems, M.D., a Medical Consultant for the Board and Board Staff. As a result of the interview Dr. Sems recommended that Respondent undergo a substance abuse evaluation with the Board's contract addiction medicine specialist. On April 28, 2006 Respondent was interviewed by David Greenberg, M.D., one of the Board's contract addiction medicine specialists, and also voluntarily submitted to a urine drug test. On May 1, 2006 Board Staff was notified by Southwest Laboratories that Respondent had tested positive for Methadone. During the April 28, 2006 interview Respondent did not reveal he was taking Methadone when asked by Dr. Greenberg to list the medications he was currently using. Dr. Greenberg has recommend Respondent cease practicing medicine and undergo treatment.
  - 4. Respondent has agreed to remove himself from practice and undergo treatment.
  - 5. There is evidence that if Respondent were to practice medicine in Arizona there would be a danger to the public health and safety.

# **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- The Board possesses jurisdiction over the subject matter hereof and over
   Respondent.
- 2. The Executive Director may enter into a consent agreement with a physician if there is evidence of danger to the public health and safety. A.R.S. § 32-1405(C)(25); A.A.C. R4-16-404.

## <u>ORDER</u>

### IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- 1. Respondent shall not practice clinical medicine or any medicine involving direct patient care, and is prohibited from prescribing any form of treatment including prescription medications, until Respondent applies to the Board and receives permission to do so.
- 2. Within 10 days of the date of this Interim Consent Agreement, Respondent shall undergo residential inpatient treatment at a Board approved treatment center. Respondent is responsible for all expenses relating to the treatment. Respondent shall sign a consent form to release all confidential treatment records to the Board. Respondent shall comply with any recommendations made by the treatment program, including any recommendation that he undergo further treatment. Any additional treatment must be completed at a Board approved treatment center.
  - 3. Respondent shall provide a copy of this Order to the treatment program.
- 4. This is an interim order and not a final decision by the Board regarding the pending investigative file and as such is subject to further consideration by the Board.

DATED AND EFFECTIVE this 3 day of May, 2006.

ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD



TIMOTHY C. MILLER, J.D. Executive Director

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ORIGINAL of the foregoing filed this 3rd day of May, 2006 with:

The Arizona Medical Board 9545 East Doubletree Ranch Road Scottsdale, AZ 85258

EXECUTED COPY of the foregoing sent by Certified mail this 3rd day of May, 2006, to: fax

John C. Morgan, M.D. (Address of Record)